

# Hamilton & Inches are on a treasure hunt

If you have been along George Street recently then you may have seen that there is a building site where Hamilton & Inches have their showroom. The iconic Edinburgh jewellers has now set out on a treasure hunt to curate an exhibition to celebrate its craft.

The company has launched a search for all the bespoke items which have been created by its talented craftspeople over its 155 year history, to create an extensive *Celebrating Our Craft* exhibition featuring some of its greatest designs.

Home to an expert team of silversmiths and jewellers, Hamilton & Inches has created special pieces for a wide array of clients including **the Scottish Rugby Union** and **Glenrothes distillery** which have been designed and handcrafted in the workshops situated above the showroom on George Street. This exhibition will not only celebrate old artefacts and past projects but the talent of the team who have helped to mark many a memorable moment.



The Edinburgh-based jewellers – which has held a Royal Warrant for over 120 years – is currently working to carefully renovate the 19<sup>th</sup> century building, transforming its showroom, workshops and service department to create an even more memorable experience for Hamilton & Inches customers. Adding to this in-store experience will be the *Celebrating Our Craft* exhibition, set to be on display from March 2021, showcasing the pieces against the beautifully reimagined showroom.

Bespoke commissions continue to be created in the workshops to this day, using ancient skills and crafts still in operation, all essential to creating beautiful, iconic items that will be remembered and celebrated forever. Hamilton & Inches is committed to ensuring craftsmanship is relevant to contemporary life, especially at a time when fast fashion is a huge part of our culture. This exhibition will shine a light on the impact and reach of Hamilton & Inches and how important it is for the

craft to continue throughout Scotland.

Victoria Houghton, Hamilton & Inches CEO, said: “Now that we’re in our 155<sup>th</sup> year, it’s the perfect time to celebrate our past creations and look to the future. The *Celebrating Our Craft* exhibition will not only allow us to showcase a collection of exquisite items – but will act as an opportunity to share the incredible stories behind them with existing and new audiences.”

To help curate the *Celebrating Our Craft* exhibition, Hamilton & Inches are asking for anyone who has commissioned a bespoke item which could feature in the showcase to get in touch.

Email [hello@hamiltonandinches.com](mailto:hello@hamiltonandinches.com) with details and images of the piece.



Founded by Robert Kirk Inches and his uncle James Hamilton in 1866, Hamilton & Inches ([hamiltonandinches.com](http://hamiltonandinches.com)) continues

today as Edinburgh's premiere destination for fine jewellery, luxury watches and hand-crafted silver. The 154-year-old firm has been based at 87 George Street since 1952 and has maintained its own silver workshops since inception housing highly-skilled craftsman who curate contemporary pieces using traditional techniques.

The expert team comprises of a number of specialists in a variety of fields, including master polishers, silversmiths and engravers, all of who have received their knowledge and skills from previous generations. Hamilton & Inches also houses some of the world's finest watch and jewellery collections with partners including Patek Philippe and Rolex. Hamilton & Inches continues to offer a range of specialist in-house services including repairs, engravings and valuations.

Hamilton & Inches was first granted a Royal Warrant more than 120 years ago, appointed "His Majesty's Clockmaker and Keeper and Dresser of His Majesty's Clocks, Watches and Pendulums in Palaces and Houses in his Ancient Kingdom of Scotland." Although the original title no longer remains, in 2010 Hamilton & Inches was appointed "Silversmiths and Clock Specialists to her Majesty The Queen."